

1. (Currently Amended) A cable drop support system comprising:
- a base adapted for attachment to a surface;
 - at least one segment connected to the base;
 - a cable receptacle attached to an end portion of the at least one segment, the cable receptacle having a generally U-shaped cross-section ~~being structured for receiving therein at least an intermediate portion of a cable and for supporting the intermediate portion of the cable as the cable is suspended between a first elevated structure and at least a second elevated structure that are external to the cable drop support system;~~
 - a control system operatively associated with the cable drop support system, the control system configured for receiving instructions communicated through at least one communication media; and
 - at least one mechanical drive mechanism operatively coupled to respond to the control system.
2. (Withdrawn) The cable drop support system of Claim 1, wherein the attachment surface includes a surface area portion of a service vehicle.
3. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 1, wherein the base includes at least one attachment device structured for attachment of the base to the attachment surface.
4. (Withdrawn) The cable drop support system of Claim 3, wherein the base is substantially permanently attached to the attachment surface.

1 5. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 3, wherein the base is
2 removably attached to the attachment surface.

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4 6. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 1, further comprising at
5 least a second segment attached to the at least one segment.

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7 7. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 6, further comprising
8 the segments being structured in a telescoping configuration.

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10 8. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 1, wherein the cable
11 receptacle includes a generally upwardly open U-shaped configuration.

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13 9. (Cancelled).

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15 10. (Previously Presented) The cable drop support system of Claim 1, wherein
16 the control system is selected from the group consisting of a computer system, a
17 processor, and a manual control.

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19 11. (Previously Presented) The cable drop support system of Claim 1, wherein
20 the communication media includes at least one of a wireless medium and a
21 wireline medium.

1 12. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 1, further comprising at
2 least one control system operatively associated with the cable drop support system,
3 the control system configured for receiving instructions communicated through at
4 least one communication media from at least one communication device.

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6 13. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 12, wherein the
7 communication device is selected from the group consisting of a remote control
8 device, a laptop, a personal digital assistant, and a telephone.

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10 14. (Previously Presented) The cable drop support system of Claim 1, further
11 comprising at least one remote control device operative over the communication
12 media to cause the mechanical drive mechanism to extend the cable receptacle
13 relative to the base.

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15 15. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 14, further comprising
16 at least a second segment attached to the at least one segment.

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18 16. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 15, further comprising
19 the first and second segments being structured in a telescoping configuration.

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21 17. (Withdrawn) The cable drop support system of Claim 16, further
22 comprising a hand crank operatively associated with the mechanical drive
23 mechanism.

1 18. (Original) The cable drop support system of Claim 1, wherein the at least
2 one segment includes a substantially stationary segment attached to the base.

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4 19. (Currently Amended) A cable drop support system comprising:

5 a base adapted for attachment to a surface, wherein the attachment surface
6 includes a surface portion area of a service vehicle;

7 a first segment connected to the base;

8 at least a second segment attached to the first segment, the first and second
9 segments being structured in a telescoping configuration;

10 a cable receptacle attached to an end portion of one of the segments, the
11 cable receptacle having a generally upwardly open U-shaped cross-section being
12 ~~structured for receiving therein an intermediate portion of a cable and for~~
13 ~~supporting the intermediate portion of the cable as the cable is suspended between~~
14 ~~a first elevated structure and at least a second elevated structure that are external to~~
15 ~~the cable drop support system, the cable receptacle including a generally upwardly~~
16 ~~open U-shaped configuration for receiving the intermediate portion of the cable;~~

17 a control system operatively associated with the cable drop support system,
18 the control system configured for receiving instructions communicated through at
19 least one communication media; and

20 at least one mechanical drive mechanism operatively coupled to respond to
21 the control system.

1 20. (Withdrawn) A cable drop support system for facilitating installation of a
2 cable between at least two elevated structures, with a portion of the cable being
3 secured to a first one of the elevated structures and with a second portion of the
4 cable to be secured to at least a second one of the elevated structures, the system
5 comprising:

6 a base adapted for attachment to a surface, wherein the attachment surface
7 includes a surface area portion of a service vehicle;

8 a first segment connected to the base;

9 at least a second segment attached to the first segment, the first and second
10 segments being structured in a telescoping configuration to extend vertically away
11 from the base;

12 a cable receptacle attached to a portion of at least one of the segments, the
13 cable receptacle being structured for receiving therein at least a portion of the
14 cable, the cable receptacle including a generally upwardly open U-shaped
15 configuration;

16 at least one computer-based control system operatively associated with the
17 cable drop support system, the control system configured for receiving instructions
18 communicated through at least one wireless communication media from at least
19 one communication device from a technician, wherein the communication device
20 is selected from the group consisting of a remote control device, a laptop, a
21 personal digital assistant, and a telephone;

22 at least one mechanical drive mechanism operatively coupled to the control
23 system and to the first and second segments to selectively extend the cable
24 receptacle in response to the instructions, whereby when the second portion of the
25 cable is placed in the cable receptacle and the cable receptacle is extended, the

1 second portion of the cable is raised toward the second elevated structure to
2 facilitate securing the second portion of the cable thereto; and
3 a battery coupled to provide power to the mechanical drive mechanism.
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5 21. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:
6 attaching a first end of a cable to a first elevated structure;
7 placing an intermediate portion of the cable into the cable receptacle
8 provided by a cable drop support system;
9 extending the cable receptacle to raise the intermediate portion of the cable;
10 and
11 transporting a balance of the cable to a second elevated structure.
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13 22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein placing an intermediate
14 portion of the cable into a cable receptacle includes placing the portion of the
15 cable into a generally U-shaped receptacle.
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17 23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, further comprising attaching a base
18 of the cable drop support system to a surface.
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20 24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, where in extending the cable
21 receptacle includes extending the cable receptacle away from the surface and
22 raising the intermediate portion of the cable relative to the surface.
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